

City of Clewiston
Special Magistrate
Regular Hearing
January 15, 2014

The City of Clewiston Special Magistrate held its regular meeting in the city hall commission chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, on Wednesday, January 15, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Magistrate Watt. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance

Magistrate present: James L. Watt

Personnel present: Matt Beatty, Travis Reese, Debra Towner

Visitor(s) present: Felicia Duce, Yasir Khan, Tony Maestegui, Jeff Rosner

Special Magistrate Watt briefly summarized the purpose of the hearing.

Approval of the minutes from October 16, 2013: Let the record show incomplete minutes and will rule at next meeting.

Swearing in of all parties intending to present testimony.

Additions/deletions to agenda: Mr. Reese stated that there were none.

Case No. 13-0128:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 13-0128, for the property located at 513 East Ventura Avenue, owner of record, Graciela Rodriguez.

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is an illegal accessory structure per code section 110-438 and proper notice was given. It is a used utility shed in deplorable condition that the property did not have a permit to install.

Mr. Reese verified pictures of the property and the owner's son, Mr. Maestegui, was present at the meeting and stated that he would remove the shed on Saturday, January 18, 2014.

The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt ruled that case #13-0128 was dismissed and that the city will verify removal of the shed on January 20, 2014.

Case No. 13-0226:

Magistrate Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 13-0226, for the property located at 831 East Trinidad Avenue, owner of record, Olguidia Granda.

Mr. Reese stated that the violations are property maintenance, including overgrowth and a dilapidated accessory structure per code section 18-640 and proper notice was given.

Mr. Reese verified the property is still in violation as the owner was not present at the meeting.

The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt ruled that an administration fee of \$150.00 and a fine of \$150.00 be levied for the time from date of violation (7/29/13) to last meeting (10/16/13) as well as a fine of \$25.00 per day from 10/16/13 until compliance.

Red light camera cases

Mr. Watt stated that this is the first time red light camera cases has been heard. It is a new procedure venturing into new territory.

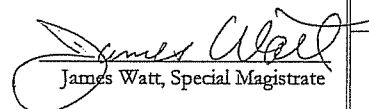
Wi-fi not working, therefore no evidence and 1st case against Felicia Duce is dismissed. The 2nd case will be continued because Jaykena Edwards was not present. The 3rd case against Jeff Rosner is dismissed for lack of evidence.

Discussion about 536 East Pasadena Avenue and a letter from ProNet Group. Mr. Watt feels that this should be treated as if it were a complaint from a citizen and follow procedure for a code case.

Magistrate Watt closed the public hearing after receiving no further comments, written or oral, from the audience or the board.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.


James Watt, Special Magistrate